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Washington Peopletalk By Janis Johnson

Who's hot, who's not: Here are national affairs people to watch in 1990.

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Rising stars: Joint Chiefs of Staff head Colin Powell; Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and wife, National Endowment of the Humanities head Lynn Cheney; White House Chief of Staff John Sununu; Sen. Chuck Robb (D., Va.); Virginia Gov.-elect Doug Wilder; New York Mayor David Dinkins; Jimmy Carter; Ollie North; State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler; Marilyn Quayle; Council of Economic Advisers chairman Michael Boskin; House banking chairman Henry Gonzalez (D., Texas); pro-choice triplets Molly Yard/Kate Michelman/Faye Wattleton; Sen. Bob Kerrey (D., Neb.), U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R., Fla.) and anyone with an Eastern European name.

Falling stars: Drug czar Bill Bennett; Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos; national security adviser Brent Scowcroft; GOP chief Lee Atwater; Bush spokesman Marlin Fitzwater; Georgette Mosbacher; Jesse Jackson; Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R., Kansas); commentator John McLaughlin; Sam Donaldson; Sen. Al D'Amato (R., N.Y.), and the Keating Five — Sens. Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), John Glenn (D., Ohio), John McCain (R., Ariz.), Dennis DeConcini (D., Ariz.) and Don Riegle (D., Mich.), already the stuff of jokes by Jay Leno and in Doonesbury.

Most staying power: Ralph Nader, Robert Bork.

Off the charts: Mike Dukakis, Dan Quayle, Ronnie and Nancy Reagan.

Catty canines: Speaking of status, the prominence of Barbara Bush's first pet Millie has made dogs a target of Washington social wars. Said one proud owner to admirers of her dachshund: "My dog is a friend of (ex-Defense and Energy secretary) James Schlesinger's. They were in obedience school together."

Capital comment: Here's a verse from the latest musical spoof "The Vatican Flag" for dictator-on-the-run Manuel Noriega and other notorious-in-trouble from the Capitol Steps, the musical satire troupe of current and former congressional staffers (to the tune of "The Vatican Rag"):

Tell Leona, fly to Rome
We'll make Zsa Zsa feel at home.
John Paul gives Manuel some hope, but
Will the dope
Put the Pope on a rope?
Don't you wait for us to rescue
Don't be late like Nick Ceausescu!
Don't you spend a century
Inside a penitentiary
Do the dramatic, an'
Hide in our attic, an'
You'll be a Vatican gag!
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Image-cleaning: Donna Rice, the Miami model and actress whose dalliance with former Sen. Gary Hart cost him his presidential candidacy, has embraced bornagain Christianity, the Washington Times reports. She has been busy in charity work in the Washington area and over Christmas, and wore a Santa Claus hat while working at a party with needy and disabled youngsters.

Image-saving: Former CIA director William Colby is an odd name on the Institute for Peace and International Security's new blue-ribbon Committee on Common Security, which one organizer called "a blend of Kennedy administration liberals with the thirtysomething generation of today." Other members include economist John Kenneth Galbraith, feminist author Betty Friedan, historian James MacGregor Burns and lawyer Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Bird-dogging: They're still talking about George Bush and Secretary of State Jim Baker bagging 10 quail between them on one hunting excursion over the Christmas holidays, but the White House declined to say who got how many, raising eyebrows, since the President's fishing and hunting prowess is often in question. So the joke is going around that even if Baker bagged nine quail, he probably would have felt better if he had bagged one Quayle, a colleague whose number-two slot he is said to be eyeing already for 1992.

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